

November 2006 Winterport Recreation Board Report

Board News –

The Recreation Board is now full as we welcome Norm Poirier as our newest member. We held our November meeting on Thursday, 11/16 at the Victoria Grant Center. Mike Knupp was elected as the new Chairperson. The Vice-Chairperson and Secretary positions will be elected at the next meeting. The Board continues to be impressed with the work effort of our Recreation Coordinator, Dave Lester. His efforts in running the programs, updating the website, maintaining inventory control, and many other tasks, have allowed the Board to focus on the general oversight of the recreation program. Specifically we are stabilizing our board with elected officers, drafting policies and procedures, and working on means to expand our programs and services. The Board thanks Heather Roberts for her volunteerism activities which resulted in a \$1000 grant from MBNA. Usage of this grant money has not been finalized. Thanks Heather!!! Minutes of the last meeting will soon be available at our Website.

Sponsored Programs –

- Youth Fall Soccer This past fall approximately 150 children from PreK/K through 5th grade participated. The numbers were considerably higher than last year. The Board was excited at this as we believe it speaks directly to the quality of the program and the people involved. The PreK/K level focused on soccer FUNdamentals. The 1st and 2nd grades were split between team practice time and scrimmages. The 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders participated in a league with Stockton Springs and Frankfort. Visit the Recreation Department's space on the Town website for scores and pictures. The current expenses total \$2104, which is 85% of the budgeted amount of \$2500. Paint to line the fields, T-Shirts, trophies, and new soccer balls were the bulk of the expenses. We are evaluating the need for additional soccer goals. Revenue was \$1635, which is 30% above the projected amount.
- Adult BBALL (men) The Rec Department makes Wagner Gym available on Sundays for Men's 5x5 basketball. There has been a steady number of folks showing up to play.
- Adult BBALL (women) The Rec Department makes Wagner Gym available for women's basketball.
- Cheerleading Christy Dinardo approached the Recreation Board this fall with an offer to implement and coach cheerleading. The Board approved the proposal and 16 girls have signed up. We are excited about this program as it provides an alternative program and that has been requested in the past. The Board is reviewing our capability to provide T-Shirts and pom-poms. We estimate the cost for these items to be \$200. A final decision has not been made on this expense.
- Youth Basketball Youth basketball continues to be a popular program. We have approximately 120 participants. We have the following teams: 1 group of PreK/K, 1 group of 1st/2nd graders, 2 teams of 3rd/4th grade boys, 2 teams of 3rd/4th grade girls, 1 team of 5th/6th grade boys, 1 team of 5th/6th grade girls, 1 team of 5th/6th grade boys in the Eastern Maine Basketball League(EMBL), and 1 team of 7th/8th grade boys in EMBL. The PreK/K and 1st/2nd graders will start December 2nd and run for 8 weeks. The other teams have already begun practices and will run into February. It is too early for final expense figures. We will be ordering a few uniforms, but were happy to be able to use some uniforms donated by Wagner Middle School. Other equipment like basketballs, scorebooks, medical kits, etc will need to be ordered. We do not see any danger of exceeding our budgeted amount for expenses. Final revenue figures are not tabulated yet, but we anticipate being close to the \$2100 projected amount.

Upcoming Events –

In the next month, the Recreation Board will continue to stabilize by electing a Vice Chairperson and Secretary, work on the policies and procedures, and provide oversight to the youth basketball program. We will be working in conjunction with the Recreation Coordinator to assess the feasibility of an after school program and the feasibility of holding a Winter Carnival in February.